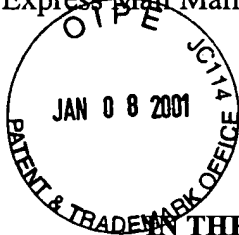


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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE**

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action for the above-identified patent application, mailed from the United States Patent and Trademark Office on July 6, 2000, please extend the date for response by three months up to and including Monday, January 8, 2001. A petition and a check in the amount of \$890.00 to cover the three month extension of time are enclosed.

Applicants enclose also an Information Disclosure Statement and PTO-1449 form (with requisite fee) for consideration by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicants enclose a set of informal drawings with proposed amendments indicated in red for consideration by the Examiner. Furthermore, Applicants enclose copies of a Rule 131 Declaration submitted in the parent application USSN 08/886,088 ("the '088 application").

**AMENDMENTS**

Prior to further substantive examination, please amend the application as follows.

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